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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 6, 2006

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species - I:	Two layered material construction; Specifically, Polymer Film to Cloth; As represented by independent claim groups 1, 4, 8 and 33, 37, 42.
Species - II:	Three-layered material construction; Specifically, Polymer Film to Cloth to Polymer Film As represented by independent claim groups 17, 18, 20 and 54, 56, 59.

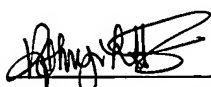
In addition, the Examiner stated that the species are further distinct because of the crimping means presented:

- Species-IA: Cinching Tab (as represented by claim groups 1 and 33)
- Species-IB: Banding Element (as represented by claim groups 4 and 37)
- Species-IC: Generic: No Crimping Means (as represented by claim groups 8 and 42)
- Species-IIA: Cinching Tab (as represented by claim groups 17 and 54)
- Species-IIB: Banding Element (as represented by claim groups 18 and 56)
- Species-IIC: Generic: No Crimping Means (as represented by claim groups 20 and 59)

Applicant respectfully elects Species IC, and claims 8-9, 25 and 42-44 readable thereon. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-9, 25 and 42-44 are generic claims. Therefore, upon allowance of any of claims 8-9, 25 and 42-44, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and rejoinder of the currently withdrawn claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, Applicant's representative would welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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